

Your Next Step in Faith: Be the Heart of Worship

You're invited to take your next step in faith! Be the heart of worship by lending your hands, voice, and presence to roles that bring our community together. Scan the QR code to learn more and to RSVP now.



Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study meets on Thursday from 10:30am-noon to work together through a study called "Cloud of Witnesses" about the book of Hebrews. If you want to pick up a workbook, we have them available in the Narthex for \$10 if you're able to contribute. Contact Pastor Katie for more information at katie@pleasanthillpc.org. Childcare is available.

Nursery Deep Clean

It's time to give our nursery some special attention! Join our nursery staff in giving the nursery a special sparkle. Meet in the nursery at 12pm on September 29. Many hands make light work, and we can finish this task within an hour with a dedicated group of volunteers! RSVP to Jennie.

International Peacemaker Visits PHPC

Join us on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 2-4 PM in the Sanctuary to welcome the world-renowned peacemaker from Bethlehem, Mr. Zoughbi Zoughbi. He is known as a trainer, counselor and writer and has worked extensively on topics of justice, peace and reconciliation and to help alleviate the suffering of people in the Middle East. Everyone is welcome. For further info, please contact Erik Mjorud at ameagleerik@yahoo.com.

Stewardship BBQ

Join us for the annual PHPC Stewardship BBQ on Sunday, October 6 immediately following service. We will be at McDaniel Farm Park at the same pavilion (pavilion #2 near the dog park and playground. The address is 3020 McDaniel Rd. Duluth, GA 30096.)

New Member Class

The next PHPC new member class will take place on Sundays, October 20 and 27. Register to attend using the link in this week's newsletter or speak to Katie, Jennie, or any Membership Committee member. We look forward to seeing you there!

Food Drive for the Duluth Co-op

We're collecting nonperishable foods every Sunday this month for Duluth Co-op. Please consider bringing in items help our neighbors. The most critical food needs are: Canned Meat (Chicken, Spam, Chili), Canned Fruit, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Breakfast Cereal. If you have questions, please contact Ivie Goorsky at ivie.goorsky@gmail.com

North Georgia Fall Mission Trip

We'll be in Blue Ridge Oct 23-Oct 26 to work with local non-profits. Skills needed are energy, flexibility, and enjoy being part of a community. Cost is \$150 per person (\$100 donation towards materials for projects). If you want to attend, get more information, or have questions, email Jeff Milway at jdmlway@gmail.com or call at 678.576.2114.

Trunk or Treat

Use the link in this week's newsletter to sign up to decorate your car for the community's littlest trick-or-treaters! Trunk or Treat will be held from on Saturday, October 26 from 1pm-3pm in the back parking lot.

Join Our Weekly Newsletter

Stay informed of the latest PHPC events, as well as news about our various ministries and opportunities to grow in your faith and connect with God and neighbor. Scan the QR code to subscribe to the Chosen Word weekly email newsletter.



Welcome

Welcome to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. We have been part of the Duluth community since 1985. Our vibrant congregation embraces people from all walks of life as we live out our mission statement of "connecting faith with everyday life." We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

We are delighted you are worshiping with us and we invite you to become part of our church family. To learn more about us, make a note on the red Friendship Pad or contact the church office.

Worship services are livestreamed at www.pleasanthillpc.org/phpc-live. Worshipers may appear on this live feed. If you wish to remain off camera, sit in the back rows of any section of pews.

Hearing enhancement devices and printed copies of today's sermon are available for use during our service. Ask an usher for assistance.

For Our Younger Worshipers

All children are welcome in worship at PHPC.

Elementary age children are invited to the Playground after the Children's Sermon. Worship Bags and Worship Journals are available. Parents must sit in the pews closest to the Playground.

Parents may walk **children age 3-Kindergarten** (potty-trained) to Room B103 for Play & Praise following the Children's Sermon.

A nursery is available for **children under 3** in room A114.

Elders

Class of 2025

Kristen Ching
Gail Funderburk
Shannon Sligar
Kay Strickland
Maggie Woolley

Class of 2026

Amanda Dannemiller
Alan Klein
Angie O'Farrell
John Reineking

Class of 2027

Michael Armstrong
John Cason
Dave Huffman
Sharon McLeod

Deacons

Class of 2025

Marianne Anderson
Holli Kyle
Bill Maguire

Class of 2026

Isaac Assan-Mensah
Jan Mueller
Margaret Snyder

Class of 2027

Cindy Heuer
Jon MacLean
Shannon Scott

Church Staff

The Rev. Katie Day, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
The Rev. Jennie Sankey, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

Mary Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Veronica Pennington, *Director of Ministry Support*
Talitha Minton, *Director of Preschool*
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*
Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist*

Grace Andrade, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Andy Kim, *AV Technician*
Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*
Farzana Javid, *Nursery Caregiver*
Renu Kashyap, *Play & Praise Leader*
Kayla Otim, *Children's Choir Director*

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Celebration of the Lord's Day

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

Prelude Joanne Brown (*guest*)

Monastic Peace
Flor Peeters

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** David Ashley

One: We gather with the One who watches over us,

All: delighting in God's Word.

One: We gather to witness the One whom the heavens proclaim,

All: listening for ancient wisdom.

One: We gather in safety with the One who shelters us,

All: seeking your face.

One: We gather to praise God with our whole selves.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

***Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Jennie

***Passing of the Peace** Jennie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon Jennie

*Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten
to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.*

Prayer for Illumination David

Scripture Reading David

Psalm 27

Anthem Chancel Choir

Salvation is Created
Tchesnokoff/Ehret
*Salvation is created, O Lord God,
Lord God almighty, we praise thee above;
O Lord, holy Lord God. Alleluia.*

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Scripture Reading Katie

Psalm 27 translation

Sermon Katie

The Heart of Worship: Lament

Responding to the Word

***Psalm 27 (3 stanzas) from *Psalter for Christian Worship*,
by Michael Morgan**

(set to the tune BEECH SPRING 716)

¹ God, my light and my salvation,
In whose strength my hope is laid;
Confident in my salvation,
I shall never be afraid.

Evil hosts may rise against me,
Wars distress, and flesh decays;
Yet the cruelest death imagined
But begins my song of praise.

³ When my trust is disappointed,
Faith confronted with disdain;
Friend and foe defeat my purpose,
Even then wilt thou sustain.

Had I not with eyes believing
Seen the goodness of thy face,
Never could I taste thy pleasure,
Nor await thy saving grace.

² Shelter me within the haven
Of thy house all time to come;
On the rock of thy protection,
Let me safely find a home.
Lift me high above the legions
Who would rail against thy word;
O'er the tumult of division
Make my cry for peace be heard.

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie

(adapted from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; that we together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; that we pray together; and that we together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

Prayers of the People Jennie

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Jennie

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Moment for Ministry: Pastoral Care Matt Hoffman

Invitation to Offering Katie

Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by.

Scan the QR code.

Go to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab.

Text givePHPC to 73256.



Please sign the red friendship pad.

Offertory Joanne

'Sarabande' from Suite for Organ
Gerald Near

Prayer of Dedication Katie

***Sung Response**

Our Hallelujahs

Amanda Meisenheimer

Let the rocks cry out, let the trees clap their hands,

Let creation move to the rhythm;

And every little atom from the planets to the seas,

Come together, to shout and sing!

Our hallelujahs sound better in community,

Our hosannas reach upside down and inside out.

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Our hosannas reach upside down and inside out.

Our hallelujahs sound better in community, in community.

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Katie

***Postlude** Joanne

Rondeau from Symphonie of Fanfares
J.J. Mouret

*We'd like to express a special thank you to our guest organist,
Joanne Brown. Joanne served for more than 15 years at Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church in Covington. She also served as the Dean of the Atlanta
Chapter of the American Guild of Organists from 2023-24. She is currently
the new Registrar for Atlanta's American Guild of Organists. Please join us
in saying thank you to Joanne for sharing her talents with us while Hyoun Joo
takes some time off to allow her thumb to heal.*

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from
Feasting on the Word.

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